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Mr. Richard Taylor
Executive Director
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NC 911 Board
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Re: Use of 911 Funds – Anson County

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for the opportunity to share Anson County's concerns regarding the use of 911 funds for road sign installation beyond June 30, 2008. Anson County has utilized Wireline funding in the past to fund this service. When the new legislation went into effect in January 2008, our Wireline fund balance rolled over into the General Fund. We elected to bring these funds back through fund balance and appropriate them in the FY 2008-2009 budget as one-time revenue to offset the expenses associated with our road sign installation program. However, the fund balance (\$21,000) is not sufficient to fully cover our operational expenses.

The total expense budget for our road sign installation service is \$53,000. This includes \$23,000 for part-time salaries, \$25,000 for sign making materials, and \$5,000 in miscellaneous expenses (i.e., fuel, insurance, gasoline, uniforms, vehicle maintenance, etc.)

Using the one-time Wireline fund balance revenue as an off-set, we were planning and recommended a budget that included a \$32,000 appropriation of Wireless fund balance to fully cover expenses for this service.

Unfortunately, shortly after the FY 2008-2009 budget was recommended to our governing Board, we received notification from the 911 Board with clarification and new rulings regarding the use of 911 funds. This information included a ruling that prohibits the use of 911 funds for road sign installation after June 30, 2008. As such, Anson County is faced with a \$32,000 gap in its recommended budget. We are faced with three (3) choices, cut the road sign installation service, reallocate county dollar funding from another source in the budget (thus reducing another service) or raising property taxes.

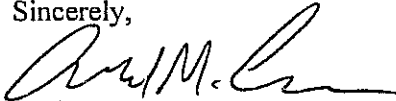
Our Board is not in favor of any of these aforementioned choices. Given the late notice associated with the pending change in the use of these funds, Anson County is seeking an extension to the deadline. Anson

County kindly requests the 911 Board consider and approve the use of our Wireless Fund balance in FY 2008-2009 to cover our road sign installation services.

Anson County does not disagree with the 911 Board's new clarification and interpretation of the appropriate use of 911 funds. Further, Anson County will certainly develop a plan for funding this service without Wireless funding in FY 2009-2010. However, the late notice has placed a fiscal burden on Anson County and most likely other rural, low wealth counties in the State of North Carolina.

Again, your kind consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 704.694.2796. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.M. Lucas", written in a cursive style.

Andrew M. Lucas
County Manager

Cc: Project File